

REMARKS

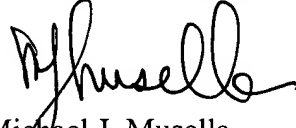
Claims 26-62 are pending in the application, with Claims 28, 31, 40-52 and 56-59 having been withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner has rejected Claims 26, 27, 29, 30, 32-39, 53, 54, and 60-62 under 35 U.S.C. §101. The Examiner has rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent 5,948,040). The Examiner rejected Claims 26, 27, 29, 30, 32-39, 53, 54, 55 and 60-62 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Expedia.com in view of DeLorme et al.

On November 8, 2005, Applicants' representative, Michael J. Musella, conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. During the interview, the Examiner specifically withdrew all of the rejections arising under 35 U.S.C. §101, based on the new guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Withdrawal of the rejections is gratefully acknowledged.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 26 under §102(b) and §103(a), the Examiner states that the claim is anticipated by DeLorme et al. and rendered unpatentable over Expedia.com in view of DeLorme et al. DeLorme et al. discloses a travel reservation information and planning system; Expedia.com discloses a fare finder system and a list of destination hotels. Claim 26 has been amended to recite that the description of personal use items is provided by means of spoken words, that the selection includes special labeling instructions presented in Braille or other tactile reading method, and that the suppliers provide said personal use items to the destination within said user's time frame, and with said special labeling instructions. Neither Expedia.com nor Delorme et al., either alone or in combination, teaches or discloses the elements contained in amended Claim 26. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claim 26 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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